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SUBJ: PROPOSED CIEC COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE FOR WORK OF THE
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1. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE GIVEN FOLLOWING AUSTRALIAN
DEPARTMENTS: DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ECONOMIC POLICY
BRANCH; DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL RESOURCES, ENERGY POLICY DIV-
ISION; DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE, COMMODITY POLICY AND
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATIONS DIVISIONS; AND THE TREASURY,
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS DIVISION.

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2. ON OCTOBER 14 (AUSTRALIAN TIME) DFA PRESENTED EMBOFF FOLLOWING OFFICIAL GOA REMARKS ON U.S. TEXT:
"THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES WITH THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE U.S. DRAFT. THE FIRST TWO SECTIONS OF THE PAPER APPEAR TO REFLECT GENERALLY AGREED GROUND; BUT AUSTRALIA COULD NOT FULLY ENDORSE SOME PARTS (INDICATED SPECIFICALLY BELOW) IN THE SECTION HEADED 'RESPONSIBILITIES' AS NOW DRAFTED. THESE RESERVATIONS RELATE GENERALLY TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF RESOURCE OWING COUNTRIES AND WE WOULD EXPECT THEM TO BE OF CONCERN TO THE G19 AS WELL.

AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE PAPER AS DRAFTED BEING INTRODUCED BY THE US AS A NEGOTIATING DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, THE PAPER WOULD REQUIRE SOME AMENDMENTS TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO AUSTRALIA AS A FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CONFERENCE ENDORSED BY AUSTRALIA.

OUR CONCERN IN THIS RESPECT COULD BE MET BY AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

- IN THE SECTION HEADED 'RESPONSIBILITIES':
- WE GUSSTEST THAT THE LAST THREE LINES IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE SECION BE AMENDED TO READ "OR A GROUP OF NATIONS CANNOT BE UNLIMITED AND TO THIS END ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO UNDERTAKE ACTIVE AND APPROPRIATE POLICIES TO IMPROVE THE OVERALL ENERGY SITUATION."
 - IN THE FIRST LINE OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH, DELETE "WILL" AND INSERT "SHOULD".
 - IN THE SECOND LINE OF THE THIRD PARAPGRAPH, DELETE "WILL" AND INSERT "SHOULD".
 - WE SUGGEST THA THE FOURTH PARAPGRAPH BE REWORDED AS FOLLOWS:
"ENERGY EXPORTING COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF WORLD ENERGY REQUIREMENTS IN ESTABLISHING PRODUCTION POLICIES, INCLUDING CONTINUING TO EXPLORE AND DEVELOP ADDITIONAL RESERVES, WORKING TOWARDS ELIMINATION OF ENERGY LOSS IN THE PRODUC-

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TION AS WELL AS CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY. WHILE THE RIGHT OF THESE COUNTRIES TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THEIR ENERGY RESOURCES IS RECOGNISED, THESE COUNTRIES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR OWN INTERESTS AS WELL AS THE INTERESTS OF OTHR COUNTRIES, OF PROVIDING THE WORLD WITH AMAJOR PORT OF THE ENERGY

NEEDED THROUGH A LARGE PART OF THE TRANS-
ITION PERIOD".

WE SUGGEST THAT THE SECION HEADED "ENERGY PRICES" WOULD BE
MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE G19 COUNTRIES IF THE FIRST SUB-PARA-
GRAPH WERE TO BECOME THE FOURTH (I.E. THE LAST) SUB-PARA-
GRAPH."

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